



REPORT ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM IN LIBERIA

ONE DAY POLICY ADVOCACY FORUM
FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF
WOMEN

&

TWO DAYS TRAINING IN LEADERSHIP
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

SEPTEMBER 19-21 2018
BELLA CASA HOTEL
2ND STREET, SINKOR
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

1.0 HOW IT STARTED

The African Capacity Building Foundation(ACBF) in partnership with the African Bank for Economic Development (BADEA) successfully sponsored a one (1) days forum and two(2) days training activities on Women Empowerment in Liberia. The forum was organized by the Liberia Macroeconomic Policy Analysis Center (LIMPAC) under the theme “Empowering Women in Agriculture and Entrepreneurship with the technical support of the Cooperative Development Agency of Liberia.

The planning for the forum actually started in early september 2017 when ACBF through its project officer for West Africa, Mr. Dickson Antwi fielded a Mission to Monrovia. During the first mission, LIMPAC reached out and invited various women entrepreneurs groups and cooperatives for a meeting and discussion with the ACBF mission. More than 75 women groups and cooperatives attended the first meeting and Mr. Antwi explained the objectives of the initiatives.

At the first meeting, LIMPAC and the ACBF also distributed more than one hundred and thirty (130) capacity needs assessment survey questionnaires, and one hundred and six (106) forms were filled and returned by the women. From the returned forms, the following information were collected:

- Most women selected Wholesale and Retail Trade as their type of business activity, followed by Agriculture and Forestry and Fishing as their area of interest.
- In terms of years of experience in doing business, most of the women on average had eight years (8) of experience as majority selected junior and senior secondary education as their education level.
- Most of the women respondent skill training in marketing and customer services, followed by financial management and planning and organizing.
- The women expressed that their major challenge was with limited access to reliable source of funding.

A follow up mission headed by Mr. Antwi was made in late July 2018 to finalize all the technical details for the forum and the training package for the women beneficiaries. Separate meetings and engagements were held with women

grouping along with representatives of the Cooperative Development Agency; the agency of government that is responsible for regulating agriculture cooperatives in Liberia.

2.0 THE FORUM & TRAINING PROGRAMS

All the activities, the women advocacy forum and leadership training of women in agriculture lasted for three days, September 19-21 at the Bella Casa Hotel in Sinkor. The Women Advocacy Forum which was convened on the 19th of September was attended by more than 150 women entrepreneur, women farmers, leaders of women farmer cooperatives and networks, government, civil society, and research and academic institution and stakeholders across the fifteen political subdivisions. The forum was officially opened by the Vice President of the Republic of Liberia, Her Excellency, Chief Jewel Howard Taylor. Vice President Taylor, used the occasion to thank LIMPAC and the ACBF Team for organizing the forum and the two days training for the women of Liberia. She underscored the need for Liberians to prioritize agriculture because there are tremendous gains from agriculture financially and Liberia is well placed given its abundant fertile soil that is under-utilized. Vice President Taylor also urged Liberian women to encourage their children to get back to the soil so Liberia can be self-sufficient in food-production like Liberia were between 1960 and 1970. She also used the occasion to re-emphasize the need for the government of Liberia to re-operationalize the Agriculture Cooperative Development Bank (ACDB) to address financing challenges of the farmers, especially women in Agriculture.



Her Excellency, Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor (centered) posed with participants for official group photo after officially opening the forum

For her part, the Deputy Minister for Budget and Development, Honorable Tenneh Brunson, on behalf of Minister Samuel D. Tweah, Jr. thanked the ACBF for the continued support to Liberia capacity building initiatives, recounting the ACBF support in establishing and operationalizing a econometric forecasting and training laboratory within the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning.

Madam Brunson also praised Liberian Business Women as being dynamic and more likely to be self-employed than men. She underscored that the result of the Liberian Civil War posed a serious challenge to the capacity building of women to enhance their skills in entrepreneurship. Deputy Minister Brunson also named other challenges faced by women as: limited financial infrastructure, restricted access to market, insufficient network to support women entrepreneurs, wide gender-gap, high gender segregation, poor access to credit for women, vulnerability to gender-based violence, lack of general representation of women businesses in wide business network like the Liberia Chamber of Commerce, etc. Consequently, Hon. Brunson proffered the following recommendations: a comprehensive and sensitive skill enhancement program for women entrepreneurship should be established, flexible business and skills training program should also be established, there should be mechanism for easy access to finance by women, integrated financial literacy training programs should be prioritized, and policymakers should seize the opportunity to address the obstacle that women face in the business arena through legislation and policy reforms.

On behalf of the ACBF, Mr. Dixon Antwi highlighted the significance of ACBF since its formation in 1991 by African Heads of State. He disclosed that the ACBF has spent about 700 million across the continent on the capacity building since its inception in 1991. Mr. Antwi stated that the essence of the forum and training was to provide opportunities for women and to discuss issues that impact the lives of women in order to evolve effective policies. He acknowledged the role of women and also lauded key actors who made the program to be possible. Mr. Antwi emphasis that the three days event is a pilot initiative in three African Countries, namely: Liberia, Malawi, and Rwanda. At

the conclusion of the three days event, specific policy recommendations for consideration by policymakers towards enhancing the role of women farmers and their network would have been fully addressed in Liberia. Key recommendations include the establishment of Women Cooperative Bank and design and implementation of favorable policies for women agriculture and entrepreneurs.

For his part, the Executive Director of LIMPAC, Mr. Del-Francis Wreh gracefully expressed his appreciation to all participants for their full attendance at the forum. He pointed out, that the forum was mainly organized to articulate and discuss challenges faced by women in Liberia especially for women in agriculture and women entrepreneurs. Mr. Del-Francis Wreh also emphasized that the forum is being marked as an important event in Liberia under the administration of His Excellency Dr. George Manneh Weah in achieving the Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD) by prioritizing women concerns. He further conveyed that the total number of women cooperative at the forum constitute 150 and by extension acknowledged their effort for accepting the invitation especially under difficult road conditions.

2.1 Two Days Training of Women Cooperatives in Leadership

The second section of the women empowerment program was a two days training in leadership and entrepreneurship for the women in agriculture and it ran from September 20 -21 20-21, 2018. During the opening of the training section, the Executive Director of LIMPAC, Mr. Del-Francis Wreh thanked the participants for attending the training and asked them to take advantage of the training courses for the benefit of their respective businesses and cooperatives. The training brought together about 125 participants representing more than 45 leaders of women cooperatives, and 40 individual women farmers from thirteen (9) of the fifteen (15) political subdivisions in Liberia.



Representatives of Women Cooperatives and farmers role-playing the importance of leadership during the first day of the training

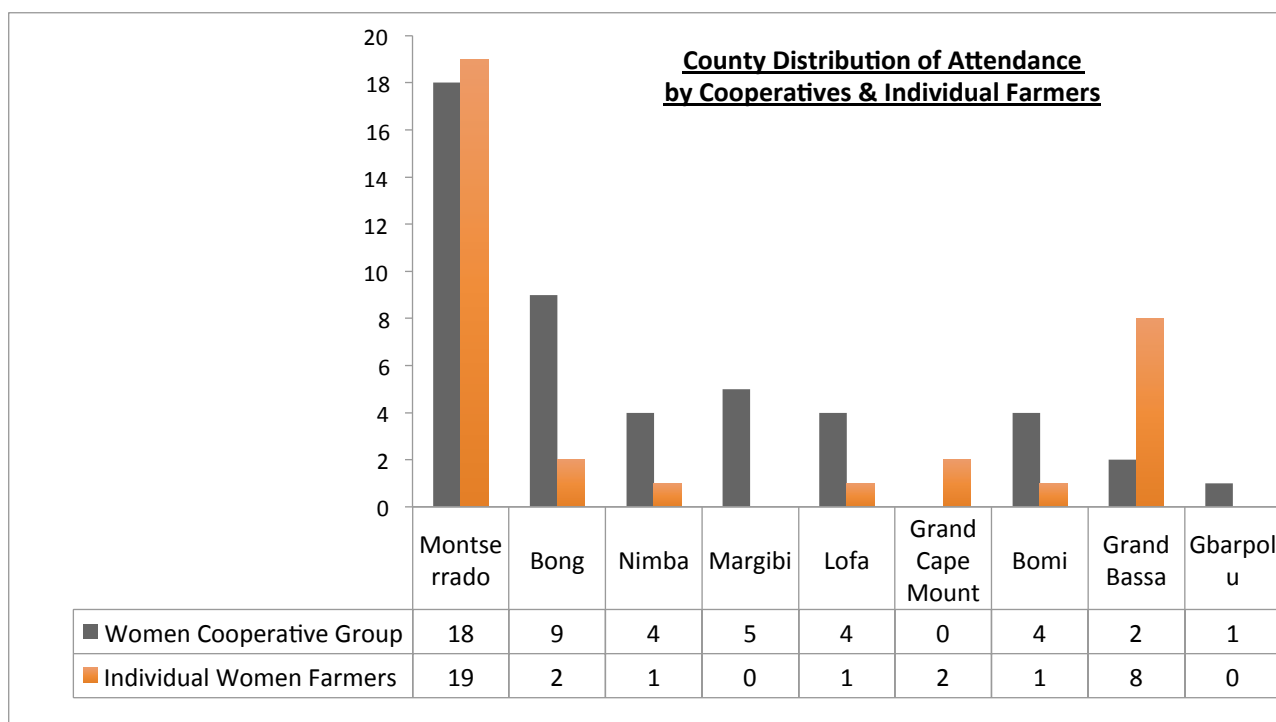
in leadership, communications, and, listening. They were also taught marketing and business plan and how to sustain a business. The trainers who were hired by the ACBF included Madam Betina Edziwa and Madam Grace Kaimila. Each of the participants received a certificate of participation at the end of two days from LIMPAC and ACBF Teams. Speaking on behalf of the women participants, Madam Martha T.W. Sayklon head of Money in the Bush Cooperative of Margibi County thanked the ACBF and LIMPAC for the training and promised that skills acquired were timely and the women will use their new skill to improve their business and the leadership of their respective cooperatives. For her part, Honorable Reginald Sokanteah-Willaims who is the Deputy Registrar General for Administration at the Cooperative Development Agency (CDA) thanked ACBF and BADEA for the support to Liberian women cooperatives and CDA was proud to have participated in the training.



Madam Martha T.W. Sayklon of the Money in the Bush Cooperative of Margibi county, received certificate after successful completion of the training in leadership

3.0 ATTENDANCE OF WOMEN COOPERATIVES AT THE TRAINING:

Women Cooperatives and individual farmers came from nine of the fifteen political subdivisions including Montserrado County. Each cooperative was represented by two –three members, one person representing the head and the two other serving as administrative staff. Montserrado accounted for the highest number of cooperatives (18 cooperatives) and 19 individual farmers who mainly came from rural Montserrado County. As indicated in the bar graph, 9 cooperatives came from Bong, followed by 5 from Margibi, and 4 each from Nimba, Bomi, and Lofa counties. Grand Bassa County recorded the second highest number of individual women farmers next to Montserrado County.



4.0 EVALUATION RESULTS OF FORUM AND TRAINING:

At the end of the training participants were asked to provide feedback on the forum and training through simple questionnaires. Ninety seven of the total participants provided responses to questions around various aspects of the forum and training such as: Hotel facility, food quality, training time, transportation arrangement, organization of training, lecture format, group exercises, participant role play, etc.

The below tables show frequencies distributions of some training aspects from the survey questionnaires. From the statistics in the tables below, more than 75-percent of the participants graded the between good and excellent. This signifies strong coordination between ACBF, LIMPAC and CDA.

Table 4a: Frequency tables for training activities1

Organization of Training	Freq.
Excellent	64
Good	25
None	2
Poor	6
Total	97

Table 4b: Frequency tables for training activities2

Length of Training	Freq.
Excellent	53
Good	37
None	4
Poor	3
Total	97

Table 4c: Frequency tables for training activities3

Date of Training	Freq.
Excellent	58
Good	32
None	4
Poor	3
Total	97

Table 4d: Frequency tables for training activities4

Start and End of the Training	Freq.
Excellent	36
Good	14
None	40
Poor	7
Total	97

Table 4e: Frequency tables for training activities5

Training Location	Freq.
Excellent	53
Good	37
None	4
Poor	3
Total	97

Table 4f: Frequency tables for training activities6

Registration Process	Freq.
Excellent	49
Good	38
None	3
Poor	7
Total	97

Table 2g: Frequency tables for training activities7

Information before the Training	Freq.
Excellent	42
Good	40
None	2
Poor	13
Total	97

Table 4h: Frequency tables for training activities8

Food Quality	Freq.
Excellent	23
Good	32
None	38
Poor	4
Total	97

Table 4i: Frequency tables for training activities9

Transportation Arrangement	Freq.
Excellent	35
Good	38
None	3
Poor	21
Total	97

Table 4j: Frequency tables for training activities10

Hotel Facilities	Freq.
Excellent	25
Good	17
None	38
Poor	17
Total	97

Tables 4a to 4j show frequency distribution tables for some aspects/activities highlighted in the survey feedback questions. Table 4a demonstrates the frequency of responses on the organization of the training. From this table, 64 respondents said that the organization was excellent. This accounts for about 65.98%; while 25 respondents said it was good which accounts for about 25.77%; whereas, 6 people said it was poorly organized which accounts for about 6.77%; and only 2 people did not respond to this element, which also accounts for about 6.19% respectively. The rest of the tables can be interpreted likewise.

4.2 FEEDBACKS ON TRAINERS

The tables below illustrate respondent's feed back about the training and the trainers. Again as we can see clearly from all the tables, a great number of respondents considered the training activities as well as the resource person(s) performance as being excellent. Interestingly, tables 3 and 5 show that respondents who participated in the survey had no negative feedback about the training elements previously discussed. Similarly, only one respondent out of the 97 stated that the topics were poor presented.

Lecture Format	Freq.
Excellent	38
Good	18
Poor	0
None	41
Total	97

Exercises	Freq.
Excellent	68
Good	23
None	4
Poor	2
Total	97

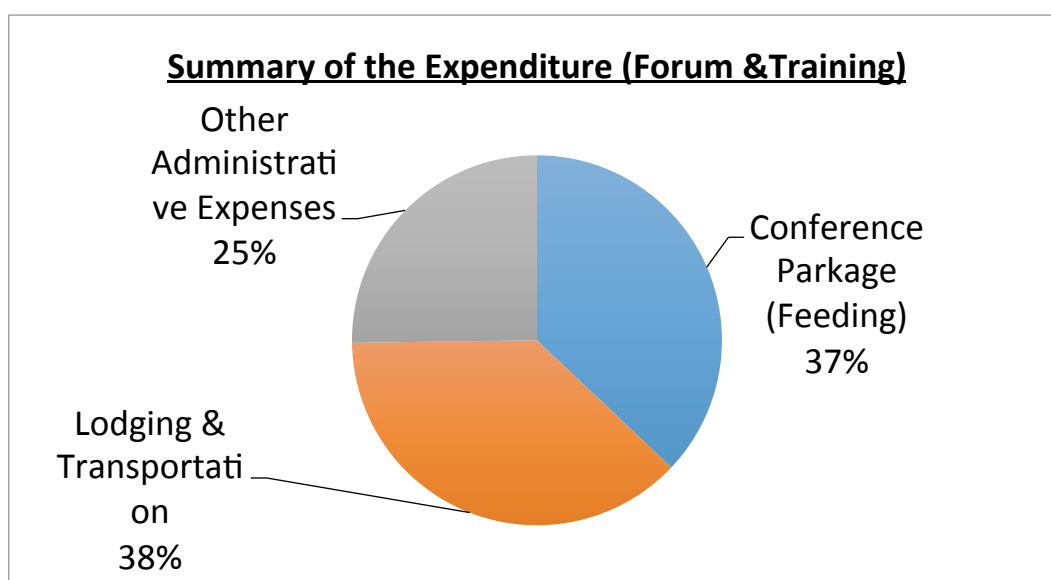
Understanding of Topics	Freq.
Excellent	69
Good	24
Poor	1
None	3
Total	97

Time used for presentations	Freq.
Excellent	57
Good	36
Poor	0
None	4
Total	97

5.0 LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

The total amount provided by ACBF for the forum and training was US\$28,540. This amount as per the activity agreement was lodged in LIMPAC /ACBF quick win project account at the United Bank for Liberia. Total disbursement on the forum and training amounted to US\$27,600 and were fully accounted for consistent with the activity agreement between the ACBF and LIMPAC.

The expenditure for the forum and training covers, facility rental, food & catering, transportation and accommodation allowances for members of women cooperatives who traveled from the rural Liberia to attend the programs.



In spite of the many challenges, LIMPAC and its team was able to host the women while also successfully hosting the forum and the training sections. Key activities provided by LIMPAC with support from CDA:

- Identification of the Women Cooperatives & Individuals women farmers
- Two way transportation and lodging for all participants at the training.
- Interpretation of services to foreign facilitators
- Carried out evaluation about participants' feedback satisfaction.

6.0 Lessons learnt

Despite the huge success of the forum, there are serious lessons learnt from the organization of the forum and the trainings. These challenges or lessons if not mitigated will cause serious problems to the successfulness of the future programs.

- Participants for the training were oversubscribed because group leaders wanted to benefit from the training in addition to their administrative staff. This aspect put serious constraints on the budget as more cost was incurred for foods and transportation allowances.
- Health insurance cost for the participant was not budgeted. So as some of the participants got sick on account long travelling distances or been far from home put extra pressure on the budget. There two case of hospitalization, which the LIMPAC team carefully handled.
- Some participants had little time to understand resource persons during presentations. This was because presenters' grammar tone was significantly different from the Liberian tone. However, this case was resolved through interpretation services provided by LIMPAC and CDA.

7.0 Recommendations

1. Better planning and vetting to avoid over crowdedness.
2. Organized more training for women in Agriculture.
3. Need to improve lodging facilities and transportation to have all participants assemble on time to the programs.
4. Increased the length of the training.
5. Proper information dissemination should be done.
6. Capacity needs to be expanded/extended to allow many rural women to participate in the training
7. Use of more local facilitators and trainers to mitigate the language barrier.
8. Rotation of the trainings and other future programs to the rural parts of Liberia, to achieve more ownership of the initiatives.
9. Continuous support from the GOL and partners to LIMPAC.

Annexes:

THE AFRICAN CAPACITY BUILDING FOUNDATION A ADVOCACY FORUM AND TRAINING OF WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AND ENTERPRENUERSHIP MONROVIA LIBERIA-19-21 SEPTEMBER 2018					
	Liberian dollar	Exchange rate	USD	CASH	Totals
PERDIEM					
1 PERDIEM -PAID 19 SEPTEMBER			1,400.00	1,400.00	
2 PERDIEM -PAID 20 SEPTEMBER			3,345.00	3,345.00	
3 PERDIEM -PAID 21 SEPTEMBER			3,895.00	3,895.00	
5 Transport allowance - Limpac staff			700.00	700.00	
6 LIMPAC			1,500.00		
					10,840.00
OTHER WORKSHOP COST					
10 Radio Interviews 3 interviews and moderator			700.00	700.00	
11 ACCOMODATION			1,020.00		
12 Conference package			10,230.00		
BELLA CASA - WATER			15.00	15.00	
7 Cultural dance			200.00	200.00	
EZEKIEL - PURCHASE OF ENVELOPES			10.00	10.00	
JERRY BUESMAELL- SUPPORT SERVICES			40.00	40.00	
6 VEHICLE HIRE			165.00	50.00	
8 Stationery	9,925.00	150.00	66.17	66.17	
Stationery			180.00		
11 Photography and video			1,350.00		
12 Banners			576.00		
13 CERTIFICATE			225.00		
14 MEDIA			700.00	115.00	
15 CDA			500.00	500.00	
16 PANELIST			100.00		
17 HOSPITAL BILLS	3,790.00	150.00	25.27	25.27	
18 HOSPITAL BILLS	12,010.00	150.00	80.07	80.07	
19 VISA			350.00	100.00	
				11,241.50	16,532.50
Other Expenses					
13 Bank Charges			228.3		
					228.30
Total					27,600.80
					27,600.80
Balance					710.90

Detailed List of Participants by Group and County

No	Name	Group	County
1	Betty D. Harris	10,000 Women	Bomi
2	Martha K. Harris	10,000 Women	Bomi
3	Bendu Gbellay	That God Can Give Us	Bomi
4	Mamie Blmy	That God Can Give Us	Bomi
5	Korpu Momolu	Happy Women Cooperative	Bomi
6	Kumbah Tamba	Happy Women Cooperative	Bomi
7	Haja Tusueh	Kukatonou Cooperative	Bomi
8	Zinnah Jarbateh	Kukatonou Cooperative	Bomi
9	Miatta Goll	Individual	Bomi
10	Jacqueline Dekoe	Argo Business Network	Montserrado
11	Agnes Fred	Amazing Grace	Montserrado
12	Massa J. Sambola	Amazing Grace	Montserrado
13	Lucinda N. Weatu	Blessed Women	Montserrado
14	Cecelia Karpee	Blessed Women	Montserrado
15	Massa M. Kromah	Children Earth Angel Foundation	Montserrado
16	Tracy T. Mason	Children Earth Angel Foundation	Montserrado
17	Bleh Gneintor	Community Sustainable Development	Montserrado
18	Ruth Gorgboyee	Community Sustainable Development	Montserrado
19	Bendu Sarnor	Farmers Union Network	Montserrado
20	Natta Worlubah	Farmers Union Network	Montserrado
21	Ma-Jandy Cooper	Grain Coast Farmers Union	Montserrado
22	Ma-Jandy Cooper	Grain Coast Farmers Union	Montserrado
23	Nancy Saah	Nancy Heritage	Montserrado
24	Esther Vanwen	Nancy Heritage	Montserrado
25	Marsu Wolokollie	Passama Agriculture	Montserrado
26	Kebbeh S. Sumbo	Passama Agriculture	Montserrado
27	Beatrice Togba Wuo	PNO	Montserrado
28	Yatta M. Ross	PNO	Montserrado
29	Seeta Donyan	Royal Women	Montserrado
30	Etta T. Harris	Sharpe Home Care Services	Montserrado
31	Betty K. Sharpe	Sharpe Home Care Services	Montserrado
32	Irene Cooper	United Women of Liberia	Montserrado
33	Odell Tarr	United Women of Liberia	Montserrado
34	Oretha T. Kollie	United Women Rescue Development	Montserrado
35	Comfort Singbeh	United Women Rescue Development	Montserrado
36	Teinzee Zeon	WE4SELF	Montserrado
37	Janet Walker	WE4SELF	Montserrado
38	Amelia P. Payway	Willing Woman for Development	Montserrado
39	Etta Bayo	Willing Woman for Development	Montserrado
40	Netta B. Worlubah	Y Agriculture Women	Montserrado
41	Bendu M. Sannor	Y Agriculture Women	Montserrado
42	Agenella Wolo Smith	Individual	Montserrado
43	Massa Sarnor	Individual	Montserrado
44	Fatta Dukuly	Individual	Montserrado
45	Famata Foley	Individual	Montserrado
46	Gbassay Adama	Individual	Montserrado
47	Gbassy Robert	Individual	Montserrado
48	Maron Bopleh	Individual	Montserrado
49	Miama Kamara	Individual	Montserrado
50	Miatta Dolley	Individual	Montserrado
51	Musu Gray	Individual	Montserrado
52	Rose T. Browne	Individual	Montserrado
53	Refemuel Harmon	Individual	Montserrado
54	Satta C. Kawa	Individual	Montserrado
55	Siata Dukulay	Individual	Montserrado
56	Tehneh Dululey	Individual	Montserrado
57	Zoe Washington	Individual	Montserrado
58	Jartu Konneh	Individual	Montserrado
59	Siamie Dolley	Individual	Montserrado
60	Yatta Washinton	Individual	Montserrado
61	Margaret K. Russell	National Association of Liberia Business Women Entrepreneur	Montserrado
62	Danlette T. Dean	National Association of Liberia Business Women Entrepreneur	Montserrado
63	Matha Herry	National Association of Liberia Business Women Entrepreneur	Montserrado
64	Sherley T. Paye	Karkarleh Assistance Program Farmers Cooperative Society	Montserrado
65	Mamie Alieu	AWEP	Bong
66	Musu Banto	War Affected Woman Cooperative	Bong
67	Kebbeh Kolubah	War Affected Woman Cooperative	Bong
68	Tumu Allen	Welikema Rural Cooperative Society	Bong
69	Mary Kerkula	Welikema Rural Cooperative Society	Bong
70	Nessie F. Massaquoi	Partnership for solution	Bong
71	Yah K. Suah	Partnership for solution	Bong
72	Emma Moore	Concern Women Group	Bong

73	Edwina Gborokorquellie	Concern Women Group	Bong
74	Yalamoh Gono,	Waynalakeh Cooperative Women group	Bong
75	Tenneh Gartoe Francis	Tuwalltama Women Group	Bong
76	Korto Werwulu	Tuwalltama Women Group	Bong
77	Evely Freeman	Individual	Bong
78	Nancy G. Briggs	Individual	Bong
79	Emma Morew	Concern Women Group	Bong
80	Nowai S. Kapu	Leesiah United Women Group	Bong
81	Fatu S. Jalloh	Yapuganma	Gbarpolu
82	Kebbe Nyanquoi	Yapuganma	Gbarpolu
83	Kumbah Saah	Foya Rural Women	Lofa
84	Kumbah Sialu	Foya Rural Women	Lofa
85	Tetegay Saysey	Sebe Hill Multipurpose	Lofa
86	Fatta Kangoma	Sebe Hill Multipurpose	Lofa
87	Sonnie Deddeh	Vowodpede Multipurpose	Lofa
88	Dedeh Kollie	Vowodpede Multipurpose	Lofa
89	Yassah Mulbah	Zorzor Agriculture Women	Lofa
90	Hawa Baokai	Individual	Lofa
91	Sophie Banks	Zorzor Agriculture Women	Lofa
92	Ma-Annie Kraw	Gbelay-Geh Rural Women	Nimba
93	Oretha Fangalo	Gbelay-Geh Rural Women	Nimba
94	Martha Belle	Mienpea Mah Farmers	Nimba
95	Albertha Wuo	Mienpea Mah Farmers	Nimba
96	Doris Manpleh	Women Against Crime	Nimba
97	Felecia Paygar	Women Against Crime	Nimba
98	Annie W. Kruah	Individual	Nimba
99	Yalamoh Gono,	Waynalakeh Cooperative Women group	Nimba
100	Betty Nyan Dah	Waynalakeh Cooperative Women group	Nimba
101	Yah Tokpah	Ma-Bendu Farm	Grand Bassa
102	Esther Smith	Ma-Bendu Farm	Grand Bassa
103	Esther W. Robert	Individual	Grand Bassa
104	Mamie kenndy	Individual	Grand Bassa
105	Mary Nabgo	Individual	Grand Bassa
106	Marthalyne Gaye	Individual	Grand Bassa
107	Rose Tabe	Individual	Grand Bassa
108	Sando Binda	Individual	Grand Bassa
109	Rebecca Jimmy	Individual	Grand Bassa
110	Lead Page	Individual	Grand Bassa
111	Sankay G. Sanyon	Rescued Women	Margibi
112	Esther Tombah	Rescued Women	Margibi
113	Oretha Waka	Kwageh Vegetable Farmers	Margibi
114	Massa Sannor	Kwageh Vegetable Farmers	Margibi
115	Hannah J. Slocum	MARWODA	Margibi
116	Etta Tolbert	MARWODA	Margibi
117	Mamie K. Kortu	SHALOM INC	Margibi
118	Miatta Lowathal	SHALOM INC	Margibi
119	Martha T.W. Sayklon	Money in the Bush Multipurpose Cooperative Society	Margibi
120	Doris Wion	Money in the Bush Multipurpose Cooperative Society	Margibi
121	Tata Benda	Money in the Bush Multipurpose Cooperative Society	Margibi
122	Geneve G. Suah	Individual	Grand Cape Mount
123	Satta Kiadii	Individual	Grand Cape Mount



ADVOCACY FORUM ON WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND ENTERPRENUER BUSINESS

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2018 VENUE: BELLA CASA HOTEL 2ND STREET, SINKOR
AGENDA**

Moderator: Edmond N. Cojolo (MFDP, Protocol Unit)

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-10:00 Opening Remarks

Guest of Honor

- Hon. Samuel D. Tweah Jr., Minister of Finance and Development Planning.
- Prof. Emmanuel Nnadozie (through representative), Executive Secretary, ACBF
- Her Excellency Jewel Howard Taylor, Vice President of the Republic of Liberia.

10:00-10:30 Group Photo / Health Break

**10:30-10:23 Key Note Presentation 1: Enhancing the Participation of Women
in Agriculture in Africa: Evidence from ACBF Studies**


**Presenter: Dr. Barassou Diawara, Knowledge Expert, ACBF, Assisted by
LIMPAC**






Question and Answer session for 15 minute

**10:345-11:15 Key Note Presentation 2: Current policy issues of women in agriculture
specific to the context of the country.**

**Presenter: Mr. Harris B. Weenie, Deputy Registrar, Gender Affairs Youth
Promotion Program Development, Cooperative Development
Agency (CDA).**





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11:00-11:30 Question and Answer Session

**11:30 – 12:30 Panel Discussion: Key Policy Issues and Recommendations from the
Two Presentations.**

Moderator : Madam Tete Gebro

Discussants (15 min. each):

- Madam Jeanie Cooper, Senior Managing Partner, FABRAR Inc.
- Mr. Preston Anderson, Director for. Community Empowerment,
- Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)
- Dr. Marcus T. Jones, Director General of Central Agriculture
- Research Institute (CARI)
- Madam Josephine George Francis, President of the Board
- Farmers Union Network (FUN)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break


**1. 13:30 – 14:45 Group Discussions on Policy Issues (Guiding questions - What
actions need to be taken by the government as a way forward to address policy issues
raised in this forum for the empowerment of women in agriculture?**

14:45 – 15:00 Tea/Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:30 Presentations by Groups and Discussions

16:30 Closing Remarks: Volunteer (Cooperative Group)
 . Closing Remarks: ACBF
 . Closing Remarks: LIMPAC

End of the Forum



Summary of participants by County and Cooperative

Group	Region										Total
	Bomi	Bong	Gbarpolu	Grand Bas	Grand Bas	Grand Cap	Lofa	Margibi	Montserrat	Nimba	
10,000 Women	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
AWEP	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Amazing Grace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Argo Business Network	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blessed Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Children Earth Angel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Community Sustainable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Concern Women Group	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Farmers Union Network	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Foya Rural Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Gbelay-Geh Rural Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Grain Coast Farmers U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Happy Women Cooperati	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Individual	1	2	0	1	7	2	1	0	19	1	34
Karkarleh Assistance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Kukatonou Cooperative	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kwageh Vegetable Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Leesiah United Women	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MARWODA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Ma-Bendu Farm	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mienpea Mah Farmers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Money in the Bush Mul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Nancy Heritage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
National Association	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
PNO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Partnership for solut	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Passama Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Rescued Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Royal Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
SHALOM INC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Sebe Hill Multipurpos	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Sharpe Home Care Serv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
That God Can Give Us	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tuwalltama Women Gro	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
United Women Rescue D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
United Women of Liber	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Vowodpede Multipurpos	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
WE4SELF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
War Affected Woman Co	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Waynalakeh Cooperativ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Welikema Rural Cooper	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Willing Woman for Dev	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Women Against Crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Y Agriculture Women	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Yapugeanma	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Zorzor Agriculture Wo	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	9	16	2	3	7	2	9	11	55	9	123